

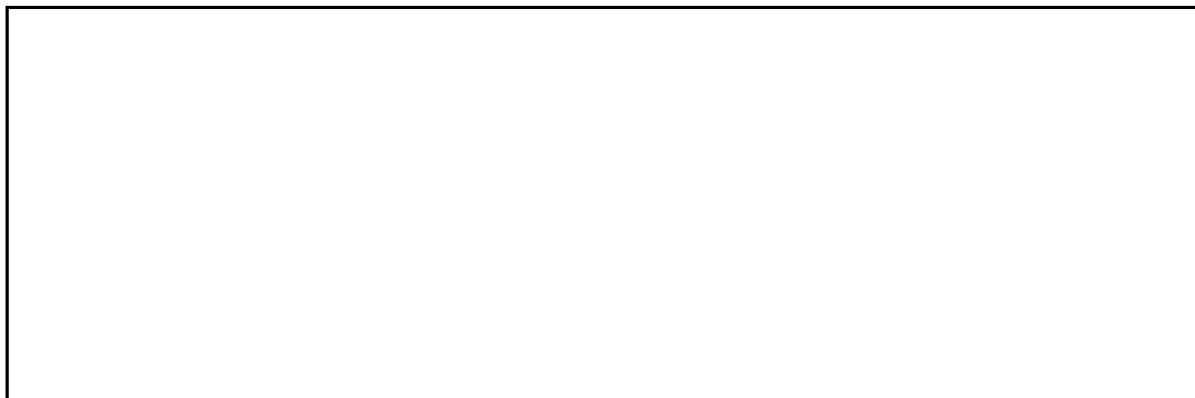
31 December 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 December 1969

The Director is on leave. Acting Director was in the chair.

25X1 ADDI reported that the preliminary assessment of the photography from the [REDACTED] latest KH-4 mission had produced good and largely cloud-free coverage of the targets. There were no significant new developments.



Godfrey reported that rumors from Panama that General Torrijos is in new trouble appear unsubstantiated and have probably been floated by his opposition. Godfrey expressed concern that Torrijos might try to quiet his opponents by publicizing information on their contacts with US Army G-2 officers during the recent unsuccessful coup attempt.

DDP interjected that he had informed State that the Agency was responsible only for coordinating clandestine collection overseas. He had pointed out that DOD had no authority whatsoever for engaging in covert political activity.

D/ONE reported that a draft of Willard Matthias' memorandum on the world situation in 1970, which was prepared at the Director's request, was now ready.

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Maury noted recent press reports on a shake-up of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff. Senator Stennis is removing some of the old guard staff members who have been friendly and cooperative with the Agency. Maury said that he did not know any of the new Committee staff members but that he did not foresee any difficulty for the Agency in dealing with them. He did suggest, however, that the new staffers would be more skeptical and suspicious than their predecessors.

Maury noted that two members of our House Appropriations Subcommittee were scheduled to make a trip to Saigon.

Carver reported that a member of the NSC staff had requested the Agency's views on General Giap's recent article published on the 25th anniversary of the North Vietnamese army. Carver said that he had referred his caller to comments in the Agency's daily publications but offered to produce additional analysis if it was desired. Godfrey said that OCI planned to publish a review of the entire Giap article on 5 January.

Bross expressed misgivings over having learned that there will be a White House meeting on 9 January to deal with information handling problems. He noted that PFIAB was apparently involved and that the meeting probably concerned the intelligence community. His understanding was that the Agency would be invited to send six persons to the meeting. However, the Agency has not yet received an official communication on the matter.

In response to a question from D/ONE, Bross said that he had not seen any word on the status of the PFIAB report on Soviet strategic posture.

Bross noted Pat Coyne's traditional position that he did not receive advance word of scheduled PFIAB meetings, and reported that Gordon Gray had told Tom Parrott that PFIAB meetings were already scheduled through December 1970.

In response to the Acting Director's question, Bross reported that Ray Cline had been brought up to date on General Cushman's discussions with Assistant Secretary of Defense Froehlke on NIRB matters.

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DDS&T reported that Dr. Ruben Mettler, Chairman of the Director's Strategic Weapons Intelligence Panel, had been named President of TRW.

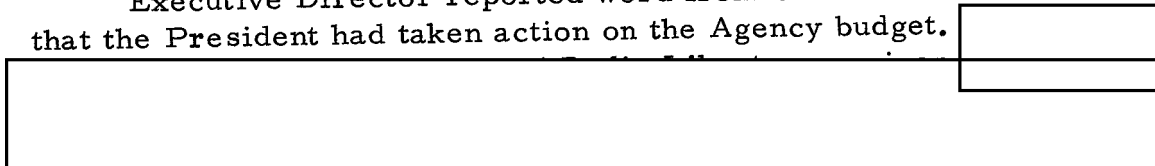
DDS&T noted that an article on cancellation of the MOL, which appeared in Aviation Weekly, accused the BOB of dealing with such problems independently of the Secretary of Defense.

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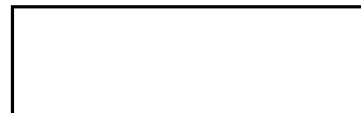
Executive Director reported word from Jim Clark of BOB that the President had taken action on the Agency budget.

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Acting Director noted that he had received a paper from Dr. Kissinger setting forth the work program for the Verification Panel and Working Group in preparation for the next round of SALT negotiations.

Acting Director noted that Under Secretary of State Richardson had asked the Chairman of the Interagency Political Military Group to monitor US military assistance programs to developing countries on behalf of the Under Secretaries Committee.



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